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(57) Abstract: One aspect of the present invention relates to compounds, comprising at least two moieties selected from the group consisting of aryl sulfonates and aryl sulfates. A second aspect of the present invention relates to combinatorial libraries of the aforementioned compounds. The present invention also relates to compositions comprising a compound of the present invention. A fourth aspect of the present invention relates to the use of a compound or composition of the present invention in a method for inhibiting bioadhesion to a surface. Another aspect of the present invention relates to the use of a compound or composition of the present invention in a method for enhancing bioadhesion to a surface.

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Present claims 1-9 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely claims 10-18.

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